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Black Water Barrels LLC Establishing Operations In Bamberg County *Startup Investing \$3.6 Million To Establish Facility In Bamberg, S.C.*

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Black Water Barrels LLC, a new cooperage business, is establishing operations in Bamberg County. The company is investing \$3.6 million in the facility, resulting in the creation of 57 new jobs over the next five years.

A startup firm, Black Water Barrels LLC will specialize in the manufacturing of 53-gallon barrels made of FAS-grade, quarter-sawn American White Oak for use in the bourbon industry. Black Water Barrels LLC has full capacity to produce additional size barrels, including but not limited to 60-gallon and 30-gallon. In addition, other wood profiles will be available to serve the spirits, beer and wine industries.

To house its operations, the company is purchasing the former Zeigler Chevrolet dealership, which is approximately 9,000 square-feet. The company plans to add an additional estimated 12,000 square-feet to the building, located at 3941 Main Highway in Bamberg, S.C.

Expected to be fully operational late in the second quarter of 2016, Black Water Barrels LLC anticipates hiring to begin in April 2016. To make order inquiries or obtain additional information on the company, contact info@blackwaterbarrels.com.

QUOTES

“We are very excited for the opportunity to build our barrel manufacturing company in Bamberg County, S.C. During the process of visiting several states and counties, the people of Bamberg welcomed us with open arms. We look forward to being part of such a great community and working with the county and state to become South Carolina’s only cooperage.” –Black Water Barrels LLC President Greg Pierce

“It’s exciting to see new companies choose our state as their home for the future because it proves that Team South Carolina’s approach to providing a business-friendly environment is working. Black Water Barrels’ investment, and the 57 new jobs it will create, will make a real difference in Bamberg County, and is a reason to celebrate across South Carolina.” –Gov. Nikki Haley

“Entrepreneurial activity and the success of new businesses is critical to South Carolina’s economy. I offer my congratulations to Black Water Barrels on this remarkable achievement and look forward to supporting them as they grow and prosper in our state.” –Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt

“Blackwater Barrels will be a welcome addition to our manufacturing community and another great wood products industry in Bamberg County. On behalf of Bamberg County Council and our citizens, we would like to thank Blackwater Barrels for investing in our people.” –Bamberg County Council Chairman Joe Guess

“Not only will Blackwater Barrels create 57 new jobs, the company will manufacture a unique product here in the Southern Carolina region of the state. We are excited about the diversity this manufacturing operation will bring to our forest products sector, as well as the economic stimulation it provides to Bamberg and the surrounding counties. We are proud that Blackwater Barrels chose to call Bamberg ‘home’ for their production facility.” –SouthernCarolina Alliance Chairman Buddy Phillips

“The people of Bamberg appreciate the jobs that Blackwater Barrels will create, and we appreciate the support we have received from Governor Haley, the S.C. Department of Commerce, SouthernCarolina Alliance and our county council in helping this new company locate here. We look forward to working with the Blackwater Barrels manufacturing team.” –Bamberg County Economic Development Commission Chairwoman Clara Thomas

FIVE FAST FACTS

- Black Water Barrels, LLC is establishing operations in Bamberg County.
- \$3.6 million investment resulting in 57 new jobs.
- A startup firm, Black Water Barrels LLC will specialize in the manufacturing of 60, 53 and 30-gallon barrels.
- To house its operations, the company is purchasing an approximate 9,000 square-foot building, which is located at 3914 Main Highway in Bamberg, S.C and adding on 12,000 square-feet.
- The business is expected to be fully operational in late second quarter of 2016.

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